

**TALKING PAPER
ON
THE ACCESSION PROCESS FOR FLEP/ELP APPLICANTS**

- Information about The Judge Advocate General's Department

- Applicants may call 1-800-524-8723 (1-800-JAG-USAF) and request that the application package be sent directly to them, or
- Obtain information from a base legal office.
- Applicants should also review Air Force Instruction 51-101 for more information about the programs.

- Eligibility

- Applicants must be commissioned officers in the Air Force on extended active duty.
- Must be a citizen of the United States
- For FLEP, applicants must have served on active duty for at least 2 years but no more than 6 years as of the first day of classes (includes enlisted service), and must be in the pay grade of O-3 or below as of the first day of classes.
- For ELP, applicants must have served on active duty for a period of not less than 2 years but no more than 10 years as of the first day of classes (includes enlisted service), and must be in the pay grade of O-3 (with less than 3 years time in grade) or below as of the first day of classes.
- Periods of attendance at USAFA, USMA, USNA, and USCGA do not count.
- Must be a graduate of a regionally accredited college or university with a baccalaureate degree or its equivalent.

- Application Procedure

- Applicant completes application package.
- Upon completion of application materials, applicant schedules a formal hiring interview with the Staff Judge Advocate at the closest Air Force Base.
 - Applicant must submit certified copies of all undergraduate transcripts, LSAT (LSDAS) report, and evidence of the law schools that applicant has either applied to or been accepted to (FLEP applicants are encouraged to apply to at least one school that is within the AFIT budget).
 - Letters of recommendation are not required but strongly encouraged.
 - Applications are accepted between 1 January and 1 March.
- Upon completion of the interview, the Staff Judge Advocate will forward the application, along with his/her recommendation, to the Accessions Branch at the Pentagon.

- Selection Boards

- A board of senior judge advocates will convene, review every file, and make selection recommendations to The Judge Advocate General.
- Applicants are selected on a best-qualified basis.
- The Judge Advocate General determines who will receive an offer and the selectees are usually notified within a week of his decision.
- Applicants are responsible for application expenses, such as law school application fees and LSDAS fees.
- For FLEP, applicants selected for the program continue to draw base pay and allowances, and their educational expenses, such as tuition and a book allowance, are paid for by the Air Force.
- For ELP, applicants are responsible for all educational expenses and do not receive any base pay or allowances while in school (except during periods of internships). They do, however, accrue time for promotion and retirement purposes.

- Training

- During the first two years of the program, participants are required to perform legal internships during law school summer vacations.